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December 22, 2015

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From:

Sachi A. Hamai, Officer

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: LOCAL WORKER HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS (ITEM NO. 19, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 24, 2015)

On November 24, 2015, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Departments of Military and Veterans Affairs, Public Works and County Counsel, to report back in writing in 30 days to the Board, on a plan for a mandatory Local Worker Hire Program for Veterans for construction projects that have a contract value of at least \$2.5 million that includes requirements comparable to the other successfully County-implemented local worker hire programs.

In response to the Board's direction, we are conducting research regarding both the legal and the practical implications of a shift from "good faith effort" to a mandatory standard. This includes researching the availability of qualified veterans in the market for construction jobs, as well as data from other agencies who have veterans' employment goals within their construction contracts.

We are requesting a 30-day extension to January 22, 2016 to complete this research and to prepare a report back on this item.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact David Howard of my staff at (213) 893-2477, or dhoward@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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